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For : MEDICAL GRAFT CONNECTOR OR PLUG STRUCTURES,
AND METHODS OF MAKING AND INSTALLING SAME

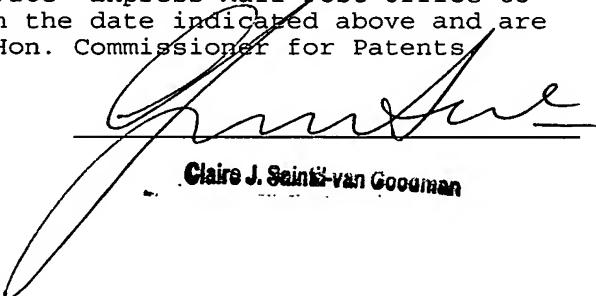
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RULE 53(b)
CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation, divisional, application of pending prior Application No. 09/569,607 (Confirmation No. 8512), filed May 10, 2000, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/540,665 (Confirmation No. 1648), filed March 31, 2000 (now U.S. patent 6,391,036), which is a division of Application No. 09/016,721 (Confirmation No. 7344), filed January 30, 1998 (now abandoned).

Transmitted herewith for filing are the specification; claims; abstract; declaration; power of attorney for the above-identified patent application.

The enclosed declaration is:

- Newly executed (original or copy).
- Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)).
- A signed statement is attached deleting inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)).
- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

The prior application, Application No. 09/569,607, filed May 10, 2000, is assigned of record to St. Jude Medical Cardiovascular Group, Inc. now by Change of Name (also of record) St. Jude Medical ATG, Inc.

Also transmitted herewith are:

8 sheets of:

Formal drawings.

Informal drawings. Formal drawings will be filed during the pendency of this application.

An assignment of the invention to _____.

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An Information Disclosure Statement.

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

An Application Data Sheet.

An associate power of attorney.

A certified copy of the priority document, _____ application, No. _____, filed _____.

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